Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 3, 2004
Date of Deposit

G. Peter Nichols
ne of applicant, assignee or egistered Representative

Signature

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PATENT Case No. 6667/24 (LTC-16-US)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated November 7, 2003 for a period of 1 month to and including March 7, 2004.

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		claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.				
	\boxtimes	is other than small entity				
		Extension <u>Months</u>	Other Tha Small Ent		Small Entity	
		One Month Two Months Three Months Four Months Five Months	\$110.00 \$420.00 \$950.00 \$1,480.00 \$2,010.00		\$55.00 \$210.00 \$475.00 \$740.00 \$1,005.00	
Fee Payment						
\boxtimes	Attac	ached is a check for \$110.00 for the Petition fee.				
	Attac fee.	ched is a credit card authorization form for \$ for the Petition				
	of this Char Depo	Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached. Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is ttached.				
Dated:		March 3, 2004		G. Peter Nichols Registration No. 34,401 Attorney for Applicant		
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